

Lady Captain's Report 2025 – LIZ FRANCE

I took over the Lady Captain's role in Nov last year, from Sue Pomeroy with enthusiasm and trepidation. After Covid lockdown only 2 ladies had been in this post. Jill Peppett and Sue Pomeroy. Two very keen golfers and hard-working ladies, so I had quite big shoes to fill! To help me do this I was very grateful to have Melinda Pooley as my Vice Captain. I felt that together we would make a good team and help the ladies enjoy more golf and more social events.

We started with the league matches and the friendly matches. These matches which were played both home and away were all completed in the allotted time frame. The results were not always what we would have wanted, but we enjoyed meeting new ladies and playing at different golf clubs. Our thanks must go to Chris Stevens for organising these matches and the ladies who represented P.R.G.C. The League end of season culminated in a Ryder Cup competition held at Chiltern Forest. We entered a team of 8 players. Unfortunately, we did not win but we were not last! Chiltern Forest were the winners. Everyone enjoyed another wonderful day, with weather that was far superior to what we experienced in 2024!

Our friendly matches had mixed results, but our ladies truly enjoyed this new (for some) experience of representing our club. This is because the matches are for ladies with a handicap of 30+. It proved so popular last year that this year I organised a competition in July for these higher handicap ladies. We opened it to other county clubs, and the response was amazing. What a great day we had. The golf course was well maintained by Jack and his team, and the food was excellent. My thanks must go to ALL who contributed to make this competition happen and who gave their time, energy and expertise on the day. The players so enjoyed their day that they were asking if we were going to put it in the calendar next year! I am sure we will!

We hosted an Open Day for ladies in May organised by Sue Pomeroy, with help from Sarah and Luke. Also there to give advice and a little coaching, we had our not so well professional, Bruce. Members were also there to show our visitors around the practise area, answer any questions they had and take them out on the course, if they were at a golfing standard to do so. The result of all the effort that day was 6 ladies signed up. A real boost for the ladies section.

Our Social Secs organised a very successful golf break in May at Staverton Park. We had 3 days golf and 2 nights away. The weather was perfect and so was the course. It was a great break, enjoyed by all. The trophy was won by Val Bate and Jill Peppett was the runner up. Our Secs Val Bate and Rosie Brand are already onto the venue for next year.

In June we held the Lady Captain's Day and Dinner. The course was in good condition so our thanks go to Jack and his team yet again for all their hard work. Sarah and Tricia also ensured we were well-watered and fed which helped us to get round the course.

15 ladies took part in The Captains Away Day which was held in August at Badgemore Park GC in Henley. Another great day away. Again, the weather was good and so was the course. Sue Pomeroy was the winner, and Gerry Walker was second.

The Barcilon Cup was held in June. It was disappointing that so few ladies entered. The Lady Champion was Jill Peppett and the Handicap Champion was Donna Convery. Let's hope we have more entrants next year.

Unfortunately, a few competitions had to be cancelled this year for various reasons. These were The County Junior Girls, The County 9 hole Competition, The California Cup and The Past Captains & Committee.

We rounded off our golfing year with a very successful Presentation Evening. This began with a morning of golf, lunch and then an evening at the Gate in Bryants Bottom. We also presented a cheque to Georgia, the Charity Rep from Alzheimer's UK for £1515. A truly wonderful sum from such a small group of ladies.

At the beginning of the year, we lost a stalwart of our group Beryl Austin. Beryl gave so much time, energy and dedication to P.R.G.C. so much in fact, that her husband said that the golf club was Beryl's second home. Before her funeral Beryl's husband said that she would not have wanted money spent on flowers, she would want it to go to this year's ladies charity. Alan collected on behalf of Beryl and raised £1000. The members of P.R.G.C. and Alan should be very proud to have raised in total £2515 for Alzheimer's UK. I am sure this money will be a great help to families who have loved ones suffering with this terrible illness.

As members must be aware most of the main committee members are standing down at this year's AGM. This caused uncertainty as to how we would function next year. I convened a meeting with the lady members to discuss our next steps. This meeting took place in the Princes Suite at the Golf Club on 7th October.

There was open discussion, and questions were asked and answered as best the committee members could. The committee roles were then offered to the members and there were no volunteers for Captain or Vice-Captain. No-one wanted to fill these roles. It was then put to the lady members that we have an informal committee headed by a chairperson. This was passed unanimously. Nominees were proposed and all were unanimously voted onto the committee by the members present.

The people voted in are as follows,

	Nomination	Proposed By
Chairperson	Melinda Pooley	Sue Pomeroy
Handicap Sec	Jill Peppett	Liz France
Competitions Sec	Sue Pomeroy Melinda Pooley	Jill Peppett
Treasurer	Liz France	Sue Pomeroy
Secretary	Sue Pomeroy	Gerry Walker
League Match Sec	Christine Stevens	Jean Caldicott
BCLGA Rep	Sue Pomeroy	Gill Young
Social Secs	Val Bate Rosie Brand	Liz France

This was signed by E A France
Lady Captain 2024/2025
Sue Pomeroy
Incoming Secretary 2025/2026

As I am unable to attend this year's AGM I have already passed my responsibilities as Captain onto Melinda and the Committee Members. I would like to thank all the ladies for their help throughout my year as Captain.

I look forward to a slightly less stressful time next year and being able to play lots more golf.

Liz France

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